# House Afiléon & The Barony of Cononsyth
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## 1. Public Leaflet – House Afiléon & The Barony of Cononsyth

HOUSE AFILÉON
THE BARONY OF CONONSYTH – ANGUS, SCOTLAND

Founder & Present Baron
Phillip Ronald David Willem Afiléon
Baron of Cononsyth

Who We Are

House Afiléon is a modern noble house founded in 2025 upon the historic Scottish feudal Barony of Cononsyth in Angus. Although the old feudal land system has been abolished, the dignity and title of Baron of Cononsyth remain recognised in Scots law as a heritable incorporeal property.

On 26 July 2024, the barony was lawfully acquired by Phillip R. D. W. Afiléon, who formally founded House Afiléon on 21 November 2025 to preserve the heritage and memory of Cononsyth, protect and honour the Founder's bloodline, and keep alive the story of a rare Scottish feudal barony in the modern age.

Our Motto & Spirit

Motto: Praeterea, usque in aeternum
Translation: "Furthermore, forevermore."

This expresses the House's core idea: that heritage and duty are not just about one lifetime, but about continuity across centuries.

Emblem: The Cononsyth Platypus

The emblem of House Afiléon is the Celtic platypus, known as the Cononsyth Platypus:
- A rare creature symbolising the rarity of a living barony today;
- A circular, knot-like form representing an unbroken bloodline;
- A guardian symbol watching over the Barony of Cononsyth and its heirs.

This emblem appears on seals, documents, banners, and House Afiléon projects.

A Line Reaching Back to the 14th Century

The Barony of Cononsyth traces its recorded history to at least 1393–1394, when John de Conan appears in medieval records. Over the centuries, the barony passed through notable Scottish families, including Tulloes, Gardyne, Beaton/Bethune, Rait/Raitt, and Ogilvy, and later proprietors such as Brown, Rettie, Smart, and finally Afiléon. Today, House Afiléon stands as the latest steward of this long, evolving story.

Vinum Afiléon

House Afiléon is also the origin of Vinum Afiléon – a handcrafted, fortified elderberry wine project inspired by Scottish fruit and soil, medieval and baronial aesthetics, and a focus on longevity and collectability. It is conceived not only as a luxury wine, but as a 'liquid heirloom', an early outward sign of the House's intent to endure.

In an Age of Forgetting, We Remember

House Afiléon exists to keep alive a Scottish baronial title, a living family tradition, and a sense that history is not dead, but continues through those willing to carry it.

House Afiléon
Barony of Cononsyth – Angus, Scotland
Praeterea, usque in aeternum.

## 2. Instrument of Declaration – Baron of Cononsyth & House Afiléon

INSTRUMENT OF DECLARATION
BY
PHILLIP RONALD DAVID WILLEM AFILÉON
BARON OF CONONSYTH

RELATIVE TO THE
SCOTTISH FEUDAL BARONY OF CONONSYTH
AND THE
FOUNDATION OF HOUSE AFILÉON

1. Parties

I, PHILLIP RONALD DAVID WILLEM AFILÉON, commonly styled Phillip R. D. W. Afiléon, Baron of Cononsyth, of Gravesend, Kent, United Kingdom (the "Declarant"), hereby make oath and declare as follows.

2. Recitals

2.1 The Scottish feudal Barony of Cononsyth (the "Barony") is an ancient Scottish feudal barony historically associated with lands in Angus, including Cononsyth and its surrounding district, and is recognised in Scots law as an incorporeal heritable feudal barony.

2.2 The Barony can lawfully subsist and be transferred as a dignity separate from land, as recognised in the law of Scotland following feudal abolition.

2.3 By a valid conveyancing deed of assignation or disposition (the "Title Deed"), the Barony of Cononsyth was transferred to me, the Declarant, and I thereby acquired the dignity and style of Baron of Cononsyth with effect from 26 July 2024.

2.4 The Barony of Cononsyth has, over the centuries, been associated with a sequence of historical holders, including but not limited to John de Conan; William Tulloes; members of the Gardyne, Beaton/Bethune, Rait/Raitt, and Ogilvy families; later industrial and agricultural proprietors such as the Brown and Rettie families, among others; assignees such as Smart; and finally myself, Phillip R. D. W. Afiléon, as current holder of the baronial dignity.

2.5 In view of the antiquity of the Barony and in order to preserve and continue its heritage and dignity into future generations, I have resolved to found and constitute a dynastic house to be permanently associated with the Barony of Cononsyth.

3. Declaration as to Status and Title

3.1 I affirm and declare that I am in lawful possession of the Scottish feudal Barony of Cononsyth, held as an incorporeal heritable property according to the law of Scotland.

3.2 I accordingly style myself and am properly styled in formal and social usage as Phillip R. D. W. Afiléon, Baron of Cononsyth, or simply as Baron of Cononsyth where the context permits.

3.3 Nothing in this Instrument is intended to claim any peerage, precedence, or privilege outwith that properly associated with a feudal barony under Scots law.

4. Foundation of House Afiléon

4.1 I hereby found and establish a dynastic house, to be known as “House Afiléon”, “Domus Afiléon”, or “The House of Afiléon of Cononsyth” (collectively, “House Afiléon”).

4.2 House Afiléon is constituted as the hereditary house of the Baron of Cononsyth, rooted in my person, name, and bloodline, and associated with the Barony.

4.3 The date of foundation of House Afiléon is fixed as 21 November 2025.

4.4 The seat and territorial association of House Afiléon are, and shall remain, linked to the Barony of Cononsyth in Angus, Scotland, irrespective of the physical place of residence of the Head of House or his descendants.

5. Succession and Non-Alienation (House Law)

5.1 As a matter of House law and declared intention, I decree that the Barony of Cononsyth shall, so far as lies within my power and consistent with Scots law, descend according to agnatic male primogeniture within my biological bloodline, namely:
(a) to my eldest legitimate biological son;
(b) thereafter to his eldest legitimate biological son, and so forth in the direct male line;
(c) each heir to bear the surname Afiléon or a direct variant clearly denoting descent from me.

5.2 I further declare my clear and express intention that the Barony of Cononsyth shall not be sold, traded, gifted, or otherwise alienated outside the direct biological male-line descent from me, save in the gravest and most exceptional necessity.

5.3 Any purported alienation or transfer contrary to clause 5.2 is, in the law and honour of House Afiléon, to be regarded as contrary to the founding will of the House, and morally null, even if such alienation were attempted in civil law.

5.4 Should the direct biological male line of my body fail, it is my wish that the then-Head of House, or the nearest surviving blood descendant of mine, consider whether:
(a) the Barony should, if lawfully possible, pass to the nearest biological descendant of my line; or
(b) the Barony and Headship of House Afiléon should be regarded as dormant or extinct.
This clause is intended as moral and dynastic guidance for my successors.

6. Motto, Colours, and Emblem

6.1 I declare that the motto of House Afiléon shall be:
“Praeterea, usque in aeternum” (“Furthermore, forevermore”).

6.2 I declare that the House colours are:
- Obsidian Black – representing memory, mystery, and the enduring weight of legacy;
- Bronze Gold – representing ancient metalwork, heritage, and perseverance.

6.3 I further declare that the principal emblem and seal of House Afiléon is the Celtic platypus, known as the Cononsyth Platypus, depicted as a stylised circular, interlaced creature in the manner of Celtic knotwork.

6.4 The Cononsyth Platypus is adopted as:
(a) the personal seal of the Declarant as Baron of Cononsyth; and
(b) the emblem and badge of House Afiléon; and may be used on seals, documents, banners, digital media, and other insignia of the Barony and House.

7. House Observances (Non-Binding)

7.1 For the avoidance of doubt, the following are ceremonial observances of House Afiléon and not matters of civil law. I record them here for completeness of the foundation record:
(a) Founding Day – 21 November: annual commemoration of the foundation of House Afiléon.
(b) Day of the Seal – 26 July: annual commemoration of the acquisition of the Barony of Cononsyth and the impressing of the Cononsyth Platypus seal.
These observances are internal family traditions and create no legal obligations.

8. Governing Law

8.1 This Instrument is made under, and shall be interpreted in accordance with, the law of Scotland, insofar as the status and transmission of the Barony of Cononsyth are concerned.

8.2 The internal House laws and customs herein expressed are recognised as private dynastic declarations and are not asserted to override any aspect of Scots law, but rather to guide the conduct and conscience of my successors.

9. Execution

IN WITNESS WHEREOF these presents are made and issued by me, Phillip Ronald David Willem Afiléon, Baron of Cononsyth, at Gravesend, Kent, United Kingdom, on 21 November 2025, being the founding date of House Afiléon. A signed and witnessed hard copy of this Instrument may be

executed and retained among the private papers of the House.

Signed:

Phillip R. D. W. Afiléon
Baron of Cononsyth

Gravesend, Kent, United Kingdom
21 November 2025

10. Schedule (Historical Summary of the Barony of Cononsyth)

1. The Barony of Cononsyth is attested from at least 1393–1394, with John de Conan appearing in medieval records connected to Carmyllie–Cononsyth.

2. Over the following centuries, the Barony was held in succession by various Scottish families, including Tulloes, Gardyne, Beaton/Bethune, Rait/Raitt, Ogilvy, and later by industrial and agricultural proprietors such as the Brown and Rettie families, among others.

3. In the 21st century, the baronial dignity became severed from the underlying land and was capable of transfer as an incorporeal feudal barony.

4. By the Title Deed referred to above, the Barony of Cononsyth was duly conveyed and assigned to Phillip Ronald David Willem Afiléon with effect from 26 July 2024.

5. This Instrument of Declaration is intended to record, in public and enduring form, the fact and intention of the Declarant’s status as Baron of Cononsyth and the foundation and internal law of House Afiléon as the dynastic house based upon that Barony.